





Florida: Don't Go There



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I think the next time I have to visit Florida, I'm going to bring my own food and sleep on the plane, just to avoid contributing to the local economy in any fashion whatsoever (<https://www.livejournal.com/away?to=http%3A//blog.mattalgren.com/2009/09/hospital-forces-lesbian-to-die-alone/>)_. They rely a lot on tourism dollars, the last time I checked.

Equal rights now.



Thank you

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 **cjtremlett**

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I have no words. That's beyond revolting.




 **kelliem**

[October 19 2009, 17:08:08 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

That is absolutely horrific, vile and indefensible. Those beings are not human.




 **ladycelia**

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And no doubt, such inhumane behaviour was because of religious belief. Outrageous.



 [jennygadget](#)

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Stories like this are what got me to start questioning the idea that being gay was wrong, long before I personally knew anyone who was out, back when most of the people around me still talked about homosexuality in hushed or derogatory tones.

Stuff like this...it's just so completely senseless and cruel. And I wish I knew how to explain that to my conservative coworkers who voted for CA prop 8. They are not bad people, this is not what they want to have happen. But this is what *does* happen when you pass laws like Prop 8 instead of the opposite...I just wish I knew how to make them see that.




 [windrose](#)

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The whole thing just makes me *sick*.



 [luciab](#)

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And people wonder why I left organized religion when I couldn't find the "God is Love" in any part of it. That was after an acquaintance died of AIDS and the aunt who was his "caretaker," who was a NURSE, made him live in a cabin in the back yard and set his food on the porch because she didn't want to go inside the cabin. Aw, yeah, that's love alright.



 [barsukthom](#)

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 [sprrwhwk](#)

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It helps the cause for gay marriage, by showing its opponents at their most inhuman, though I doubt you'll find anybody who for that reason is glad it happened, and wouldn't have preferred a nice touching story about the hospital Doing The Right Thing. That's the only redeeming quality -- while the person or people who did it may have felt Right in doing so at the time, in the long run it will lead to that kind of thing being outlawed.

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I hear that they launch big pretty rockets from there occasionally. (Spacecraft porn (SFW)! It cheers me up, at least.)




 [inaurolillium](#)

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I have some excellent memories of my childhood there, which I would be happy to share. There *is* good in Florida, even if it doesn't always look like it from the outside.



 [barsukthom](#)

[October 20 2009, 02:41:00 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Sigh I know, it's not all bad. Not even mostly bad. It's just the bad is so d*mn loud, y'know?

And yeah, Morons bad, Rockets pretty. Alligators cool.



 [sprrwhwk](#)

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It is so loud, so much of the time.

I grew up in Iowa, a state not widely known for its liberalism, and I could picture this exact thing happening at my local hospital (though I perhaps foolishly feel that in Iowa at least, faced with real honest-to-goodness gay people, Midwestern niceness would ultimately win out over ideological whatever; then again, I'd hope that of Florida too). And of course now Iowa's gone and outlawed this kind of discrimination completely and seemingly for good. (Which was as much a surprise to me as anyone, really, but damn did it make me finally proud of the state I grew up in.) And if Iowa can legalize gay marriage and end this kind of crap, everybody else can too.

It does hurt in the meantime -- it hurts a lot. But we will get there, and we're closer every day.



 [inaurolillium](#)

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I do know, all too well. :(

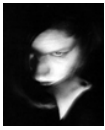


 [maki_to13](#)

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I agree. This story makes me sick to my stomach, but I know of places in Florida where that kind of thing probably wouldn't happen--I lived in one of them for quite some time.

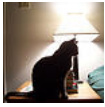
I agree with barsukthom though. "The bad is so damn loud."



 [kayjayoh](#)

[October 19 2009, 19:33:04 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

That is vile and revolting, and I'm with you on boycotting Florida.




 [txanne](#)

[October 19 2009, 19:44:54 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Next time somebody says "it's for the chilldren" I'm going to smack them.




 [inaurolillium](#)

[October 19 2009, 21:04:15 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I've been following that story since it broke. Florida is where I grew up, where I lived for twenty years, where my parents, my grandparents, my aunts, uncles and cousins live.

They would not condone this, but some of them certainly voted for the politicians who do, and few of them would vote for the kind of protections (not just marriage, but domestic partnerships or anything else anyone might cook up) that would prevent this.

I can't boycott Florida. I'd never see some members of my family again if I did. But yes, there are very good reasons I moved as far as I could.

 [jennygadget](#)

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yeah, that's the part that I keep thinking about. Because if we only had to deal with the people that openly condone crap like this, the protections would be there.



 [inaurolillium](#)

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Alas, in Florida, even the Democrats in most districts wouldn't support same-sex marriage or civil unions. Florida's pretty far to the right, and many of the Dems are really Dixiecrats. So even the relatives who are voting Democratic are voting for people who wouldn't support it, and they don't exactly have a good alternative.



 [calanthe_b](#)

[October 19 2009, 21:43:53 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

That's just...*gah*. ~feels unclean~

 [eljefe](#)

[October 20 2009, 01:15:12 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

What really blows my mind isn't the hospital's initial bigotry, but that the court couldn't set aside the "scary gay" in it's ruling. Regardless of the couples sexual orientation, they had the legal documents that should have allowed her access.



[sprrwhwk](#)

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I can't conceive of the mindset that would lead someone to behave this way. Like, there's a person dying, and a bunch of people who clearly care deeply about this person, and you as a hospital staffer can *let them in* to see *her* at little to no cost or hassle to yourself, and great relief to them, or you can not let them in to make a political point -- how can you as a feeling, thinking human being *not let them in*? I really want to shake them and ask "How does this 'first, do no harm'?" "How is this making the world a better place (or more loving, more peaceful, more Christian)?" In all seriousness, "What Would Jesus Do?" *Even if you oppose gay marriage*, I can't come up with *any* answer that leaves them in the waiting room, no matter what their relation to the patient. It's spiteful, it's petty, it's cruel, it's everything Christians aren't supposed to be. They had the opportunity to show someone the love of Jesus, and they turned it down. Shame on them.



[bunny_m](#)

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Totally, utterly unacceptable for the hospital to pull this shit on people suffering the worst moments of their lives.

That a **JUDGE?!?!?** then openly condones this sickening act is where it turns just completely incomprehensible to me.

Reading about this stuff makes part of me want to run out, light up a torch and burn these sadistic, ignorant m*****rs to the ground. The rather more mature and reasonable side knows and points out that this would be ultimately counterproductive at best.

But even that part of me wants to get these scumbags the hell off of my planet. Right NOW.

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